UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE BARBARA JACOBS ROTHSTEIN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATE: APRIL 8, 2004

IN RE: PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE (PPA) PRODUCTS LIABILITY

LITIGATION

MDL NO. 1407

This document relates to all actions

IN CHAMBERS PROCEEDING:

The Court hereby schedules a hearing on Thursday, April 22, 2004. It will occur at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 710 at the United States District Court in Seattle, Washington.

The Court requests that counsel provide drafts of the following orders to the Court no later than April 15, 2004:

- (1) An agreed pretrial order to be sent to the transferor courts upon remand of cases, summarizing the key events of MDL 1407 and including a comprehensive list of documents to be transferred along with the case file to the transferor courts; and
- (2) A Case Management Order ("CMO") amending CMO No. 1 to provide for the mandatory videotaping of the depositions of certain corporate representatives to eliminate the inefficiency of repeating depositions applicable to many cases.

Counsel should also be prepared to discuss the logistics of beginning a series of mandatory mediations on a firm by firm, defendant by defendant basis. If counsel has any additional issues to be placed on the agenda for this hearing, the Court will consider amending the agenda if requests are received by Thursday, April 15, 2004.